



ABSTRACT

Environment and Forests – Thirteenth Finance Commission – Grants-in-aid for a sum of Rs.142.48 Crore for the period from 2010-11 to 2014-15 – Annual Plan Proposal for the year 2014-15 – Rs.3562.00 lakhs sanctioned with alteration of certain works – Approved – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (FR-7) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(2D) No: 92

Dated : 12.11.2014

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.3, Environment and Forests (FR.7) Department, dated 03.01.2011.
 2. G.O.(2D)No.27, Environment and Forests (FR.7) Department, dated 16.06.2011.
 3. G.O.(D)No.279, Environment and Forests (FR.7) Department, dated 02.11.2011.
 4. G.O.(2D)No.51, Environment and Forests (FR.7) Department, dated 21.06.2012.
 5. G.O.(2D)No.43, Environment and Forests (FR.7) Department, dated 13.8.2013.
 6. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, letter No: JP1/11620/2014, dated: 30.6.2014 and 16.9.2014.
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ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, the Government have accorded administrative approval towards the works under the scheme “Maintenance of Forest” as recommended by the 13th Finance Commission for a sum of Rs.142.48 Crore for the period from 2010-11 to 2014-15 and also accorded financial sanction for a sum of Rs.17.81 Crore for execution of works in the year 2010-2011. In the Government order second read above, the Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.17.81 Crore to carry out the works for the year 2011-12 under the scheme ‘Maintenance of Forests’ approved in the Government order first read above.

2. In the Government order third read above, orders were issued for certain alternate works viz. Redesigning and Construction of new Bird exhibits in Birds area at Arignar Anna Zoological Park (part contribution) in lieu of developing night safari at Arignar Anna Zoological Park for Rs.198.65 lakhs under item Forest Preservation No.1.1.6. In the Government order fourth read above, Government have accorded financial sanction of Rs.33.603 Crore to carry out the works under the scheme 'Maintenance of Forests' as approved in the Government order first read above during the year 2012-2013.

3. In the Government order fifth read above, the Government have accorded financial sanction of Rs.3562/- lakhs to carry out the works under the scheme 'Maintenance of Forests' under Grants-in-aid recommended by the 13th Finance Commission during the year 2013-2014 and also permitted the alternate works with cost modification.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has now sent the annual plan proposal for implementation of the scheme of Grants-in-aid under 13th Finance Commission during the year 2014-15, at an outlay of Rs.3562/- lakhs with the following modifications in the annual plan already approved:-

1. Construction of District Forest Officers quarters

For construction of District Forest Officers quarters at Udumalpet for Tirupur Forest Division a sum of Rs.44.00 lakhs has been provided in the action plan. Now it has been reported that, due to non availability of site at Udumalpet, alternate site has been proposed to construct this building at Pollachi for same amount. Hence, the alternate building work at Pollachi is proposed to be carried out during 2014 - 2015.

2. Construction of Forest Range Officers' quarters

For construction of Forest Range Officers' quarters at Karamadai and Ammanpudur (Sirumugai Range) in Coimbatore Division, a sum of Rs.22.00 lakhs @ Rs.11.00 lakh each has been provided in the action plan. Now, it has been reported that, due to non availability of site at Karamadai and Ammanpudur in Sirumugai Range, alternate site has been proposed to construct these buildings at Iruttupallam for Bolampatti Range in Coimbatore Division and Sirumugai Town in Coimbatore Division respectively for same amount. Hence, the alternate building work is proposed to be carried out during 2014-2015.

3. Construction of Foresters' quarters

For construction of Foresters' quarters at Karamadai in Coimbatore Division and P.N.Palayam in Coimbatore Division, a sum of Rs.18.00 lakhs has been provided in the action plan at the rate of Rs.9.00 lakhs each. Now it has been reported that, due to non availability of site at Karamadai and P.N.Palayam, alternate site it has been proposed to construct these buildings at Tamil Nadu Forest Academy campus in Coimbatore Division and Thadagam for Thadialur Range in Coimbatore Division respectively for same amount. Hence, the alternate building work is proposed to be carried out during 2014-2015.

4. Construction of combined Forest Guard and Watcher quarters

For construction of combined Forest Guard and Watcher quarters at Manalodai beat in Trichy Division, Velamalai beat of Thuvarankurichy Range in Trichy Division, Devarayapuram in Bolampatti Range in Coimbatore Division and Manjampatty beat in Amaravathi Range in Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Pollachi a sum of Rs.58.00 lakhs has been provided in the action plan at the rate of Rs.14.50 lakhs each. Now it has been reported that the Manalodai beat has been found recorded twice as duplication of entry in the action plan. Therefore, it has been proposed to construct one combined Forest Guard and Watcher quarter at Manalodai beat of Trichy Division and for remaining one, it has been proposed to construct it at Koppampatti beat in Trichy Division. In respect of Velamalai beat, Devarayapuram and Manjampatty beat, due to non availability of sites, alternate sites have been proposed to construct these buildings at Kannuthu beat (B-Block) of Thuvarankurichy Range in Trichy Division, Thadagam for P.N.Palayam Range in Coimbatore Division and Thalingi beat in Amaravathi Range in Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Pollachi for same amount that is Rs.14.50 lakh each. Hence the alternate building work is proposed to be carried out during 2014-2015.

5. In addition, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has also proposed for alternate building works to be carried out during 2014-2015 as given below due to duplication of the Construction of Foresters' quarters at Kalpatty in Trichy Division and Trichy in Trichy Division and the work allotted for construction of Special Forest Range Officer's quarter in Trichy Division and the Check Post buildings for want of site availability as below for new construction:-

Sl. No.	Work proposed as per action plan	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	Modified work as proposed now	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
2 2.3	Out of 2 nos. for construction of Forest Range Officers' quarters at Trichy Division proposed in	11.00	Construction of O/o. the Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan, Trichy at the	25.00

Sl. No.	Work proposed as per action plan	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	Modified work as proposed now	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
	Action plan, it has been proposed to construct, One Range Officer's quarters and another one is deleted.		O/o. District Forest Officer, Trichy Div, Trichy as first floor over an extent of 110 m2.	
3 3.6	Construction of Foresters' quarters at Kalpatti in Trichy circle	9.00	Improvement of Forest Protection Squad office at Salem	1.50
3.7	Construction of Foresters' quarters at Trichy circle	9.00	---	0.00
5	Construction of check post buildings	17.50	---	0.00
6.1	Improvement of existing buildings 12 Circles + 3 Tiger projects 15 numbers @ Rs.2.50 lakhs = Rs.37.50 lakhs	37.50	Improvement of existing buildings 12 Circle + 3 Tiger projects = 15 @ Rs.7.00 lakhs	105.00
6.3	Improvement of existing buildings 12 Circles and 3 Tiger projects @ Rs.4.00 lakhs / Circle 60.00	60.00		
6.2	Extension, Research, Working plan, Tamil Nadu Forest college, Vaigai Dam, Tamil Nadu Academy, Coimbatore etc., Rs.3.00 lakhs	3.00	Improvement of existing buildings at Extension, Research, Tamil Nadu Forest college, Vaigai Dam, Tamil Nadu Forest Academy, Coimbatore etc., a)TNFA,, Coimbatore Rs.6.00 lakhs b)Extension - Rs.5.00 lakhs c) Research - Rs. 4.50 lakhs	15.50
	Total	147.00	Total	147.00

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6. Further under improvement and maintenance of roads, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that Pennagaram to Anaibethalla road and Yercaud adivaram to Kadaiyampatty road works approved in the action plan have been deleted due to the fact that these two roads were improved every year from 2010-11 to 2013-14 in a phased manner and towards this, it has been proposed to take up the following alternate works:-

Sl.No	Description of the work	Physical Target (in Km)	Financial Target (in lakhs)
1	Athikkadavu to Kudapatti tribal settlement (via) Sorandi, Karavankandi Eluthukkal tribal settlement as in approved action plan.	5.00	100.00
2	Thombareddy to Palavadi road as in approved action plan.	1.40	30.00
3	Sholaganai settlement road (from Krishnampalayam to Sholaganai road) in North Bargur RF as in approved action plan.	4.00	80.00
4	Adiyanur to Kerankadu road as in approved action plan.	5.00	100.00
5	Pudupatty to Pillaiyarkoil road upto Pudupatty RF as in approved action paln.	1.50	30.00
6	Kottathur to Kannappadi in Trichy circle (Newly proposed now).	2.80	60.00
	Total	19.70	400.00

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that due to the above alternative proposal, there is no change in the overall amount earmarked for the year 2014-15 under the relevant component. Further there will be no modification in the overall sanction for the year 2014-15 approved in the action plan.

7. The High Level Monitoring Committee has given its approval for modification of works as stated in para-4 to 6 above. The Government, therefore, accord sanction for a sum of Rs.3562.00 lakhs (Rupees Three thousand five hundred and sixty two lakhs only) to carry out the works under the scheme 'Maintenance of Forests' as approved in the Government order first read above on the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission grants-in-aid during the year 2014-2015. The Government also grant permission to carry out the alternate works with cost modifications proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests at para 4, 5 and 6 above.

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8. The expenditure sanctioned in para-6 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

“2406. Forestry and Wildlife – 01.Forestry – 101.Forest Conservation, Development and Regeneration I. Non-plan AP. Maintenance of Forest Grants-in-Aid recommended by 13th Finance Commission – 17 – Minor Works (DPC No: 2406-01-101-AP-1706)”

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to take necessary follow up action immediately to implement the schemes and to furnish the utilization certificate to Finance (FC.I) Department as stipulated in the guidelines issued by Government of India for utilization of grants-in-aid recommended by the 13th Finance Commission.

10. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.62118/AHD&F/14, dated: 11.11.2014.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

HANS RAJ VERMA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The Principal Accountant General,
Chennai-18.
The Accountant General,
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The Accountant General,
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The Pay and Accounts Officer,
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The Environment and Forests (FR.5) Department,
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The Special P.A. to the Hon'ble Minister (Forest),
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The Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary,
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9.
The National Informatics Centre, Chennai-9.
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ANNEXURE
THIRTEENTH FINANCE COMMISSION - ANNUAL PLAN - 2014-15

Sl. No.	Description of Scheme	Physical (in nos/ha./ km.)	Financial (Rs.in lakhs)
I	FOREST PRESERVATION		
I.1	Biodiversity Conservation		
I.1.1	Maintenance of solar fencing	198 Km	24.16
I.1.2	Compensation for wildlife damages	0	100.00
I.1.3	Providing water holes	44 Nos	254.72
I.1.4	Providing elephant proof trenches	53.13 Km	194.48
I.2	Fire Management	0	238.26
	SUB-TOTAL		811.62
II	FOREST DEVELOPMENT		
I	Infrastructure Development		
II.i.1	Construction, Improvement and maintenance of existing buildings in Forest Department	77 Nos	900.50
II.i.2	Improvement and maintenance of Roads	19.70 Km	400.00
II.i.3	Construction of Antipoaching sheds-cum-watch tower	5 Nos	36.00
II.i.4	Establishment and operation of antipoaching camps	13 Nos	38.09
II.i.5	Infrastructure Development in TNFA and Vaigai Dam	0	13.94
ii	Other Infrastructure Development		0
II.ii.1	Preparation of Working Plans	0	10.00
II.ii.2	Purchase of vehicles	33 Nos	198.00
II.ii.3	Arms and ammunitions	33 Nos	37.50
II.ii.4	Communication Equipments	271 Nos	30.45
II.ii.5	Purchase of protection Accessories	69 Nos	20.00
II.ii.6	Strengthening e-governance initiatives	201 Nos	42.25
iii	Afforestation		0
II.iii.1	Urban Afforestation	63300 Nos	25.39
II.iii.2	Maintenance of ACA plantations	0	2.33
II.iii.3	Catchment Area Management	94 Nos	571.52
iv	Awareness Creation	0	101.25
v	Strengthening of Joint Forest Management Institutions	234	234.00
vi	Drinking Water to Tribal hamlets	9	43.74
vii	Research Study	0	45.42
	SUB-TOTAL		2750.38
	GRAND TOTAL		3562.00

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